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Today's Topics:

    Challenge: Cheapest (least expensive) homeb  
                    Fcc Refutations.  
                    Voltage Regulator questions  
    What test equipment do you use? (2 msgs)

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Subject: Challenge: Cheapest (least expensive) homeb  
To: ham-homebrew@ucsd.edu

I am not ready to get into this contest myself, but only because I  
am trying to move the project to 220 instead of 2 meters. Now that  
the FCC has opened the entire 220 band to the Novice class license  
I think it is the perfect opportunity to get my sons interested in  
working toward their first license.

Motorola makes a few chips with an entire low power dual conversion  
FM receiver on a chip (the MC3363 or the MC13135 or the MC3362 etc.)  
and another chip the MC2833 a low power FM Transmitter system. Each  
of these require a few external parts, but only a minimal few. Order  
data sheets MC2833/D, MC3363/D, MC13135/D, and Winter 1992 Communications  
Quarterly reprint article. Also Application note AN980/D contains  
instructions, board layout etc., for a 256 Channel Frequency Synthesized

Two Meter Amateur Band Receiver. The other documentes describe other circuits/projects.

I got the boards and set of chips free.

I dunno, maybe I should try it first on 2 m just to make sure I can do it.

In article 6jg@u.cc.utah.edu, val@cs.weber.edu (Val Kartchner) writes:

> Here is a challenge for those in homebrew-land:

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> What is the lowest cost voice amateur transceiver that can be homebrewed?

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> Other parameters to consider are:

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> - It should be from parts that are easy to get (Junk box, Radio Shack, etc.), or are easy to build (air-core coils, etc.).

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> - It only needs to get a clear signal about 5 miles (in a residential zone - lots of low-level obstacles), but 10 miles would be better.

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> - It may transvert the signal to a very low power transmission (for reception in the same room) in the AM or FM broadcast bands (if this is legal) for signal decode/output. (The separate AM/FM radio should be listed but not included in the cost estimate.)

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> - It may be crystal tuned to one or few frequencies.

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> - If it cannot run off of a personal computer power supply, then include the power supply price as well. (If it cannot run off of +12V @ 2A, then it is probably overpowered for this application anyway.)

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> - Cost of a simple antenna should be included. (Coat hangers can be considered as being free.)

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> - It should be as small as possible, but need not be a handheld.

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> 73 -- KB7VBF

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> |===== #include <stdclaimer.h> =====//=====|  
> | "AMIGA: The computer for the creative mind" (tm) Commodore /// Weber State |  
> | "Macintosh: The computer for the rest of us"(tm) Apple \\\\/\\ University |  
> |== "I think, therefore I AMiga" -- val@csulx.weber.edu ==\\\/\\= Ogden UT USA =|

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Sourdough and Ham AA0PV

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"The significant problems we face cannot be solved  
at the same level of thinking we were at when we  
created them." -- Albert Einstein.

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Date: 26 Feb 1994 05:07:14 GMT  
From: hmwajjee@athena.mit.edu  
Subject: Fcc Refulations.  
To: ham-homebrew@ucsd.edu

Hello. I am not sure if this is 100% relevant for this channel, but I figure that the people that would know anything about the area of my question are subscribed to this channel.

I am a student here at MIT that is implementing a project to "track" the MIT shuttles, so that students logged into the network will be able to find out where it is and when to wait. In order to do this, I was probably going to use a numerical code, transmitted using touch-tone (DTMF) encoders and decoders,

In order to do this, however, I would have to use a frequency on which to transmit. Thus, this project then finds itself at the hands of the FCC. I was wondering if anyone out there knows about the regulations concerning broadcasting "beeps" over the range of a few square miles in a major city. This will probably be a signal in the range of  $10^1$  kW. Which regulations apply? How do I find out about them? What radio bands would/could I use? Any idea as to the efficiency of such transmission?

Anyway, thanks for listening, and I hope someone out there has both the answers and the time to write back.

Replies to: hmwajjee@mit.edu

Thanks again,  
Hussein

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Subject: Voltage Regulator questions  
To: ham-homebrew@ucsd.edu

National Semiconductor  
LM196K or LM396K  
10 AMP  
1.25 to 15V adjustable

LM138K or LM338K is 5 Amp version

these are not cheap but work well (use a big heat sink)

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I must have forgotten some...

I like the test equipment more than the projects. Anyother  
test equipment junkies out there?

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Scopes:  
tek 535 545  
hp 180  
philips

generators:  
hp200  
hp215?  
military URM26 URM26

sweepers  
1-4  
4-8  
8-12 GHz  
hp

Hickok tube tester

LCR meter - 2

spectrum analyzer  
AIL757 (to 22ghz)

counter  
hp53451  
hp???? (solid state)

DVM  
5.5 digit and down

7 digit voltage calibrator

pulse generator  
hp211  
EH

scalar  
hp8755

power meter  
hp  
wavetek 8542 (I designed this one)

power supplies  
hp  
home built

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